

AUTOMOBILE BANK

An Innovation in the New York Banking Business.

FLOOD TIDE OF PROSPERITY

Question Raised Whether New Sky Scrapers Will Withstand the Severe Gales With Tremendous Weight on Foundation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The familiar "honk honk" of the automobile horn will no longer necessarily mean to the New Yorker "look out for your life." It may mean simply that the bank is coming, for the very latest thing here is the auto bank. When a certain financial institution announced its intention to keep open day and night in order that patrons who wanted to make a deposit or cash a check somewhere along in the wee sma' hours might do so, old-fashioned and conservative residents were confident that the limit had been reached. But they did not reckon on the auto bank. It is not as might be thought from its name, a bank where things are done automatically, but an automobile bank on wheels which will call at the residence or office of a customer to receive deposits or cash checks, the presumption being that New Yorkers in the flood tide of prosperity are too busy making money to stop even to bank it. Each depositor who desires to patronize this gasoline bank is provided with a metal dispatch box to which there are only two keys, one in his possession and one with the receiving teller of the bank from which the auto is sent out. When the auto bank calls the customer simply hands over his dispatch box, receives a receipt for it and sees it placed in the safe in the auto bank. On the next trip the box is returned to him. Likewise if he wishes to draw money for a pay roll or personal needs, all he has to do is to telephone for the auto bank to come around his way. Collections and disbursements are to be made in the territory from Fourteenth street to 125th street, so that a large amount of ground will be covered. Doubtless the next best thing to owning an auto will be a patronize an auto bank, in order that an imposing machine may be seen occasionally standing in front of one's door. Patrons, however, are not allowed to ride, the only occupant of the car being the armed driver and messengers.

It has come to the point where it is necessary to tie down New York's sky scrapers to keep them from blowing away—or at least blowing over. In the past with the ordinary building of merely twenty or twenty-five stories, its weight of several thousand tons on each square yard of ground under it was thought to be sufficient to hold it steady against all the winds of heaven, and consequently no provision was made to withstand an uplifting strain, since it was figured that nothing would come along to lift them, anyhow. But with the coming of the new skyscraper matters are changed. Already two buildings are under way which will tower into the smoky atmosphere 550 and 625 feet respectively—or something over forty stories in each case. On a building of this sort the wind pressure will be enormous, especially on the upper half, which will stand out naked and unprotected by the surrounding buildings. Therefore it has been deemed necessary to literally tie them down by means of a new device employed for the first time in the history of construction in this city. An ingenious arrangement of three and one-half inch steel rods is to be employed which will be embedded to a depth of nearly fifty feet in the concrete which forms the caissons resting on the solid rock eighty-five feet below the curb. The rods, four in number, are made up of ten foot sections each with a giant anchor on the bottom, conformed at the street level and running up into the columns of the building for a distance of five hundred feet where they are bolted into position. The strength of these rods is ample to counteract the effect of the most severe storms. But if the buildings cannot move, some people are wondering whether the day will come when the island will move instead and cruise out into the bay using its sky scrapers for sails.

One third of all the passengers on steamships in the United States are carried on ferry boats across the North River. No less than 107,000,000 people cross from shore to shore of this busy stream every twelve months—a number greater than the total population of the United States by at least twenty-five per cent. During the course of the time 194 ferryboats are busy carrying back and forth 300,000 passengers a day, which is equivalent to saying that about 32 boats are always crossing this stream

at once. This is likely to be the top record which will be looked back to in future years when the ferry boat is almost a curiosity. The tunnels will take care of most passengers and the growing desire to clear up the North River in general will do away with the present congestion. Already a project is well advanced to do away with the anchorage grounds on the Jersey side of the North River, in order that the docking facilities in that territory may be better utilized. The truth of the whole matter is that New York is beginning to realize that her water commerce is not all it might be. Not only are other ports gaining in importance daily, but developments are proving that the harbor here needs a lot of improving. Some definite plan will undoubtedly be decided before long, since New York is expected to send a strong delegation to the convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington on December 6 and 7, when the national policy toward water transportation is to be considered in detail. Much hope is felt here that this convention will result in definite measures for good, for with her own situation as an object lesson the city realizes that the time for temporizing is past.

A real Fagin, who, like Dickens' character, made a specialty of training boys to steal, has just been discovered in New York and with his discovery has come a flood of information concerning his habits and methods, which show them to have been as repulsively interesting as those of his prototype of fiction. Stein, the real Fagin, taught pocket picking in his school which numbered nearly a hundred pupils, from which boys were regularly graduated when they showed the required amount of proficiency as "dips" or pickpockets. The training was not theoretical, either, for in school when it was raided was found a complete equipment for the education of "pupils." There were coats hanging on dummies in which bells were concealed and woe to the lad who bungled his work and jangled one of these signals. Various other dummies furnished varied training and as the boys grew more proficient they practiced on Stein or among themselves. Fourteen year old Hyman Grossman, who after being arrested gave information which led to the discovery of Stein's school, posed as his star pupil. "I was de only one de boss would let work wid him on de street," he said boastfully. Three or four times a day constituted his work on the streets with Stein, his rate of pay being 10 cents for each watch and 15 cents for each purse captured. After this as he naively admitted, he generally put in a few hours on his own hook.

Cured of Bright's Disease.

Mr. Robert O. Burke, of Elnora, N. Y., writes: "Before I started to use Foley's Kidney Cure I had to get up from twelve to twenty times a night, and I was all bloated up with dropsy and my eyesight was so impaired that I could scarcely see one of my family across the room. I had given up hope of living, when a friend recommended Foley's Kidney Cure. One 50 cent bottle worked wonders and before I had taken the third bottle the dropsy had gone, as well as all other symptoms of Bright's Disease." T. F. Lauren, Owl Drug Store.

ADJUSTING LOSSES.

Full Investigation Will Be Made of Losses in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—George E. Butler, one of the oldest insurance men on the coast, yesterday appointed a special agent of the commissioner of corporations to make a full investigation of the action of the fire insurance companies in the settlement of claims for losses resulting from the big fire in this city. The appointment comes from Washington and was made upon the recommendation of Secretary Metcalf after his return to Washington from this city.

The cheap imitations of Foley's Honey and Tar cost you the same as the genuine in the yellow package. Why then risk your health, perhaps you life, taking them when Foley's Honey and Tar will cure your cold and prevent serious results? It is guaranteed. T. F. Lauren, Owl Drug Store.

NICHOLAS ARRESTED.

San Francisco Graftier Arrested Yesterday for Bribery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Supervisor Nicholas, indicted by the grand jury, charged with agreeing to take a bribe, was arrested last night. He was taken by the arresting officer to the home of Judge Murasky, who released him upon the deposit of \$2,500 in gold coin.

Dancing Proves Fatal.

Many men and women catch cold at dances which terminate in pneumonia and consumption. After exposure, if Foley's Hoey and Tar is taken it will break up a cold and no serious results need be feared. Refuse any but the genuine in a yellow package. T. F. Lauren, Owl Drug Store.

LAST CALL

TO OUR GREAT WOOLEN GOODS SALE

THREE MORE DAYS

and the best chance you ever had to buy woolen goods at such low prices will be gone. If you haven't secured your share of these great bargains come either today, tomorrow or Saturday. Anything in woolen goods you may need this winter--blankets, underwear, socks, overshirts, etc., can, for three more days, be bought at prices that will never be so low again. DON'T LET THIS OPPORTUNITY PASS. Here are a few of the great bargains.

Underwear Specials.

Hundreds of men and women have bought their woolen underwear cheaper this year than they ever did before, regardless of the fact that all Woolen Goods have advanced and are still advancing in price. They came here and took advantage of these bargains:

- Men's fine soft Natural and Light Tan Underwear, single or double breasted, regular \$1.50 values; sale price..... 95c
- Women's Gray Ribbed Non-shrinkable Wool Underwear; regular \$1.50 values, this sale, garment 95c
- Four styles Men's Gray or Brown, Single or double-breasted Wool Underwear, regular \$1.75 and \$2.00 values, sale price, garment \$1.35
- Complete line fine imported Underwear, all weights, colors and styles; regular \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00 values, sale price, garment \$1.75 and \$2
- Extra fine tan colored Cotton Pile Underwear; regular 75 cent value, sale price, garment 40c

SOCK SPECIALS

We know you need socks. Time now to lay in a year's supply. Socks won't be so cheap again.

- Five pairs \$1.00—Black, Natural or Tan Cashmere socks. Regular 35c values.
- Five pairs \$1.00—Heavy Wool Knit Socks, all colors and weights; regular 25c and 35c values.
- Three pairs \$1.00—Home Knit Wool Socks, extra heavy; regular 50c kind.



SPECIAL SALE ON

OREGON MADE BLANKETS

We didn't think we would sell half the number pairs of blankets which we have sold during this sale. Had to send to the mills for more. Blankets are advancing, but here the prices go down. Better buy all you need now.

- \$3.75 pair for \$5.00 Mottled Gray Blankets.
- \$5.00 pair for \$6.50 Mottled Gray Blankets.
- \$6.00 pair for \$8.50 Mottled Gray Blankets.
- \$4.00 pair for \$5.50 Plain Gray Blankets.
- \$7.50 pair for \$10.00 White Lamb's Wool Blankets.
- \$6.00 pair for \$8.50 White Lamb's Wool Blankets.

SPECIAL SALE PRICES ON OTHER WOOLEN GOODS

Flannel Shirts, Cashmere Shirts, Wool Sweaters, Wool Knit Fancy Vests, Knit Coats, Carded Wool Mackintoshes—in fact every kind of Woolen Goods carried in a Woolen Mill Store.

OREGON BUCKSKIN SUITS AND OVERCOATS \$15

These Suits and Overcoats have surely been winners. They should be, because they are the best suits and Overcoats ever offered at \$15.00. They have sold themselves.

If you want a good solid suit or overcoat that will look nice and wear from three to five years, buy a "Buck skin."

Fine Hand Tailored Suits

When it comes to fine tailored suits we are most certainly there. We claim to have the finest tailored, most up-to-date, perfect-fitting line of fine suits in the city. By making our own suits in our own shops, we know just what is in them and have taken every care to see that it's only the best. Our range of patterns is the most up-to-date in Astoria. Prices, \$2.50 to \$7.50 less than others.

Fine Hand-Tailored Suits \$15.50 to... \$30.00

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